

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Wetter weather settled over much of the State during the week, allowing for the possibility of improvement in the condition of the recently sown winter wheat crop, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. While scattered, comments from a few reporters noted that some areas received more than 2 inches of moisture which will boost crop growth and improve the dusty conditions experienced in recent weeks. Conversely, drought-like conditions persisted in many southern locations despite the bump in precipitation. Measurable moisture was recorded at all reporting weather stations, with the largest accumulation of 2.21 inches noted at Gila Hot Spring. Additionally, 13 of the 46 weather stations reported over 1 inch of moisture, with Socorro and Truth or Consequences also reporting over 2 inches. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels ticked up, with conditions now rated 30 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 27 percent last week, 53 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 28 percent. Average temperatures varied from 5 to 12 degrees above normal. Daytime highs ranged from 64 degrees at Chama to 89 degrees at Bitter Lakes, Carlsbad, and Roswell. Overnight lows varied from 16 degrees at Eagle Nest to 50 degrees at Tatum. Corn for grain harvested was reportedly nearing completion, with some hail damaged acreage being harvested for silage, or left standing with plans to graze livestock during the winter. Sorghum harvest was in full swing, with producers combining nearly one-quarter of the crop during the week. Overall, 33 percent of the recently seeded winter wheat crop was reported in good to excellent condition, compared with 61 percent last year and a 5-year average of 30 percent. Statewide, pecan nut set was reported as 1 percent none, 18 percent light, 51 percent moderate, and 30 percent heavy. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 6 percent light and 1 percent severe. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 31 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 1 percent severe. Stock water supplies were reported as 7 percent very short, 20 percent short, 66 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
6 th cutting harvested	85	70	82	93
Chile				
Red harvested	64	57	70	57
Corn				
Mature	95	90	94	99
Harvested for grain.....	45	36	37	65
Harvested for silage	95	94	100	100
Cotton				
Bolls opening	95	90	100	98
Harvested	52	39	51	36
Peanuts				
Harvested	75	65	75	66
Pecans				
Harvested	15	NA	--	--
Sorghum				
Mature	80	70	98	82
Harvested	31	8	46	29
Livestock receiving supplemental feed				
Cattle and calves	50	50	65	NA
Sheep and lambs.....	60	56	76	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.1	6.8	6.0	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	12	13	13	39
Short	58	60	34	33
Adequate	28	26	51	27
Surplus	2	1	2	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	11	11	9	NA
Short	36	36	24	NA
Adequate	52	52	66	NA
Surplus	1	1	1	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn				
Very poor	2	2	--	1
Poor.....	3	3	--	5
Fair.....	29	28	10	44
Good	46	47	54	35
Excellent	20	20	36	15
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	5
Poor.....	23	24	4	17
Fair.....	36	35	26	34
Good	35	35	60	29
Excellent	6	6	10	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor	4	4	4	31
Poor.....	20	20	8	23
Fair.....	44	44	33	26
Good	26	26	44	16
Excellent	6	6	11	4
Pecan				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	1	--	1
Fair.....	7	9	13	21
Good	42	42	77	54
Excellent	51	48	10	24
Sorghum				
Very poor	--	--	--	16
Poor.....	4	4	2	14
Fair.....	67	73	12	29
Good	27	22	82	39
Excellent	2	1	4	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	9
Poor.....	29	27	--	17
Fair.....	38	34	39	44
Good	21	27	52	27
Excellent	12	12	9	3
Cattle and calves				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	35	34	24	NA
Good	51	53	62	NA
Excellent	8	7	11	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor	12	12	15	NA
Poor.....	12	12	16	NA
Fair.....	16	16	14	NA
Good	52	52	52	NA
Excellent	8	8	3	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/NM_Weather_11062016.pdf